

FRANKFORT NEWS

Members of Contest Board Admit Charges, but Continue to Sit in Judgment

ALL DECISIONS FOR DEMOCRATS.

Interesting Resolution Introduced by Senator Howard.

MANY VISITORS AT FRANKFORT.

The Goebel contest boards in answer to the objection made by Taylor and Marshall as to their eligibility, practically admitted the charges that they were not qualified to sit on the case, but declared that they would continue to sit and give whatever verdict they chose—everybody knows what that will be.

Senator Crenshaw admits that he was in Frankfort at the time Goebel was "urged" to contest the seats of Taylor and Marshall, but says he did not do the urging.

Mr. Renick, a member of the Contest Committee, has not had a word to say on the charge that he had a wager on Goebel's success—but he remains a member of the jury to try the case in which he is said to be thus interested.

Messrs. Lyon, Fin and Frazier, of the Contest Committee, admit that they advised a contest by Goebel and Blackburn, but they continue to serve as members of the contest Committee, given by state chance to determine the question they admit they were prejudiced upon before being "chosen."

Two resolutions have been presented in the House calling for investigation of the affairs of the Eddyville and Frankfort penitentiaries.

A bill has been introduced in the House that provides for the amendment of the separate coach law so as to compel railroads to furnish a separate coach for colored passengers instead of a coach with partition in the center.

The committees on contest in the case of Young against Allen, Senator from Lexington; Simmons against Huntsman, Senator from Bowling Green, and McKinney against Taylor, have heard all of the evidence, the arguments, and will report in a day or two. It is understood the decision in all of the cases will be for the Democrats. Allen, McKinney and Simmons are Democrats. It is understood the cases of all the contestants are weak, but despite this the Democrats are to be seated, and the Republicans will not be in it.

Indictments have been returned against John H. Whallen and Charles H. Ryan, charging them with conspiring to bribe S. B. Harrel. The case is set for January 25.

Senator Howard has offered an interesting resolution, charging that Senator Crenshaw and other members of the contest committees are known to be prejudiced and that Senator Harrel is not a suitable person to serve in a capacity of trust.

The Goebel program has been announced. A talkative adherent of the Kenton man gave the whole thing away today. An attempt may be made at any time to have the Committee on

Contests in the races for Governor and Lieutenant Governor report and the General Assembly rush through the indorsements. The intention now is to have Goebel and Beckham declared Governor and Lieutenant Governor respectively when it is thought the Republicans are not on guard. This is the explanation of the clause in joint rule 11, giving the Speaker of the House the power of forcing the committee to report.

But the Republicans are not to be off guard at any time. They know what the Goebel men are planning, and are to be, and in fact, are now ready for any emergency.

Aroused to the necessity of action to defend their rights, anti-Goebel leaders are congregating in Frankfort to lend aid by their counsel and presence to the effort to checkmate Goebel.

A number have come here in the last few days and more are expected.

No representatives of Louisville newspapers were admitted to the Bryan banquet except reporters for the Goebel organs, the Courier-Journal and the Evening Times. It is said that Senator Blackburn issued orders to this effect, which were carried out.

Col. Jno. B. Castleman, who was called by the Goebel people to testify as to the military intimidation at Louisville on election day when cross-questioned, admitted that soldiers had always been held in reserve on election days and that he himself had frequently made application for them. The following letter of Gen. Castleman on this subject has been produced and is interesting as an indirect indorsement of Gov. Bradley's position. The letter is as follows: Headquarters Louisville Legion, First Regiment, K. S. G., Louisville, Ky., Dec. 1, 1897.—The Hon. W. O. Bradley, Governor, Frankfort, Ky.—Dear Sir: Complying with the authority given in your favor of October 22 last, I beg to hand you herewith statement for account of active service and rations for detail of Louisville Legion, serving prior to, on day of, subsequent to the last day of election. I send this by hand of Quartermaster Lieut. Roy McDonald in order that he may secure immediate settlement.

I beg to say to your excellency that on this, on other occasions, your prudence has no doubt prevented violence in this city. Lieut. McDonald can explain to you in particular detail, if you desire. I have the honor to be, dear sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, JOHN B. CASTLEMAN, Colonel Commanding.

The "Tobacco Fair" to be held at Maysville January 20, promises to be an important meeting of agricultural interests and to bring Mason county into prominence as a producer of the finer grades of tobacco.

It is stated that William Goebel is engaged to marry Miss Corinne Blackburn, the only single daughter of Senator Jo Blackburn, as soon as Goebel's contest is decided.

Judge Ed O'Rear, a prominent lawyer of Mt. Sterling, is a candidate for the Republican nomination for Appellate Judge to succeed Judge Hazelrigg.

The committees of the national reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, in Louisville, May 30, 31 and June 1, 2 and 3 of this year, are reported in fine working order, with prospects for a great reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Lamb, of Madisonville, spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Joe Summers, of this city.

Thos. B. Young, the shoemaker, has a stock of pawnbroker's clothing for men cheap.

Mrs. Vie Davis was in Madisonville yesterday.

AUDITOR STONE'S REPORT.

State Finances Have Been Put in Fine Shape Under Republican Rule.

RECOMMENDS REDUCTION OF RATE

Now No Outstanding Interest-Bearing State Warrants.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 1, 1900.—To the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky—Gentlemen: I submit to you herewith, as required by law, my biennial report as Auditor of Public Accounts for the fiscal years ending June 30, 1898, and June 30, 1899. The following general statement of receipts and expenditures shows the condition of the treasury as shown by the books of this office for the different periods:

At the close of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, there were outstanding warrants amounting to..... \$1,520,138 37
From this deduct cash on hand June 30, 1897..... 11,961 90

Making a total deficit June 30, 1897 of..... \$1,508,176 47
To this deficit add warrants drawn during the year ending June 30, 1898..... \$4,282,225 01

Making..... \$5,790,401 48
From this deduct receipts for the year ending June 30, 1898..... \$5,013,010 87

Making a total deficit June 30, 1898 of..... \$777,390 61
Add to this warrants drawn during the year ending June 30, 1899..... \$4,208,528 37

Making..... \$4,985,918 98
Deduct this from receipts for the year ending June 30, 1899..... \$5,016,732 37

Leaving a balance of... \$35,813 39
Adding warrants outstanding June 30, 1899, of..... \$559,335 31

Leaves cash in the treasury June 30, 1899..... \$395,148 70

Since the end of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, all outstanding warrants have been paid except \$5,276. Of this amount \$2,771 have stood on the books for twenty odd years as outstanding warrants unpaid, and are presumably lost. The balance are interest-bearing warrants which I cannot find. They have either been lost in the hands of the holders, or the parties owning them are not aware of the fact that they are called for payment. Interest on them ceased long since.

I think that the necessity for the interest-bearing warrant law has ceased to exist, and I would respectfully recommend that that law be repealed.

The tax rate as now fixed by law is 22½ cents for schools and the Agricultural and Mechanical College, 15 cents for the general expenditure fund, 5 cents for the Sinking Fund and 5 cents for the exclusive purpose of paying any outstanding warrants and interest thereon. As there are now no outstanding interest bearing warrants, and under proper management never should be again, the 5 cents appropriated for the purpose is unnecessary. The 15 cents allowed by law for the general expenditure fund is not sufficient to pay the running expenses of the State, and an examination of the books of this office will show that it has not been for many years.

I would therefore recommend that of the "5 cents now appropriated for the exclusive purpose of paying any outstanding warrants," 2½ cents should be added to the 15 cents now allowed for the general expenditure fund and 2½ cents dropped, making the

tax rate 45 cents on the \$100, viz: schools and Agricultural and Mechanical College, 22½ cents; Sinking Fund, 5 cents; general expenditure fund, 17½ cents. My opinion is that this amount, with careful management, would prove ample to meet the ordinary expenditure of the State.

When I took charge of the Auditor's office on January 6, 1896, I found to the credit of the Sinking Fund..... \$113,683 94
To the credit of the school fund..... 39,880 66
To the credit of the general expenditure fund..... 169 78

Making a total in cash in the treasury of..... \$153,734 38

At the same time, I found the State with a floating indebtedness of about \$1,800,000, consisting of outstanding warrants unpaid, claims filed in this office and not audited, claims in the hands of claimants not sent in to be audited, unpaid appropriations and claims against the school fund, etc.

I turn over today this office to my successor with \$968,574 32 to the credit of the Sinking Fund, \$23,778 59 to the credit of the school fund and \$68,072 17 to the credit of the general expenditure fund, making a total cash balance in the treasury of \$1,060,425 08. Every claim properly made out which has been sent to this office has been promptly audited and paid, and there is today on hand in this office not a dollar of unaudited claims. Not a single warrant is today outstanding unpaid that can be found, and enough money and other valuable assets in the Sinking Fund to more than pay the \$1,000,000 of bonded indebtedness of the State.

In estimating the expenses and receipts for the general expenditure fund for the next two years, I have abandoned the precedents heretofore followed of making an itemized estimate, as I have found them always inaccurate and necessarily so, because the expenditure will be largely governed by the action of your body in the way of appropriations, and I will simply state that the income for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, into the general expenditure fund, was \$2,824,236 49, but included in this was the 10 cents on the Sheriff's revenue for the payment of interest bearing warrants, and the income for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, will also include that 10 cents, some of which has been collected, and is left over after the payment of all the outstanding warrants.

My best judgment, taking former years as precedents, is that the income into the general expenditure fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, will be \$2,825,000 and the expenditures, including the payment of \$359,335 31 of old warrants, will amount to \$2,824,853 22, which will leave a very small balance to the credit of the general expenditure fund on the first day of next July.

The receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1901, will depend on the legislation and the tax rate.

Respectfully submitted,
SAM H. STONE,
Auditor Public Accounts.

The Shakespeare Club met with Mrs. E. A. Chatten Tuesday evening. Quite an interesting and enthusiastic meeting was held, and a large number was in attendance.

People of Flemingsburg, Ky., are jubilant over the rich strike of natural gas made there on the 11th inst. Other wells be sunk.

WANTED: Fifteen or Twenty Houses to build at once. Plenty of men and material.
M. McCORD,
Contractor and Builder.

Schumann Grand Concert.

Manager W. S. McGary has engaged the Schumann Grand Concert Company for Saturday evening, Jan. 27. This is the sixth season of this company of artists and the occurrence of an "off night" is the only thing that made it possible to get this choice entertainment. There has been a liberal advance guarantee sale of reserved tickets. All who have any love for music, and the Earlington people have at times shown themselves partial to music, should not miss this opportunity of hearing music of a higher order than is often offered to the Earlington public. Let us put our stamp of approval on a high class entertainment by giving the Schumann concert a full house.

A Pleasant Visit.

The following are the members of Victoria Lodge, K. of P., of this place, who visited Morton Lodge of Madisonville, last Thursday night: William Campbell, W. G. Barter, W. G. Branham, Will Hopewell, Lee Cozart, George Toy, Albert Keown, Charles Webb, Henry Magenhimer and C. L. Reynolds.

Morton Lodge entertained the visitors in an elegant manner. A good time was spent in a fraternal way, after which delightful refreshments were served. The visitors enjoyed themselves immensely, and the occasion is one long to be remembered.

A Handsome Publication.

One of the handsomest publications we have seen is the Spring Hill Review, published January 1, by the students of Spring Hill College, Mobile, Ala. J. Douglas O'Brien, of this place, son of L. H. O'Brien, and a member of the class of 1900, is one of the associate editors and a contributor to this number of the Review. It is published annually and contains full descriptive matter about the college and its history and founders, together with literary contributions by the students.

To the Mystic Shrine.

Yesterday afternoon the following gentlemen, Knights Templars, went from Earlington and Madisonville to Paducah, which journey is mentioned as "a pilgrimage to the fertile Desert of Paducah, for the purpose of taking in a large crop of "Candy-Dates." The party was composed of: W. C. Morton and Elder Hill, of Madisonville; Geo. C. Atkinson and Warner Campbell, of Earlington. Henry C. Bourland will probably go today and possibly Paul M. Moore.

Mrs. Fisher Entertains.

Mrs. Robert Fisher entertained Friday evening at her home on Sebree Avenue, in honor of her sister, Miss Laura Fisher, of Henderson. A large number of young people were present and the evening was spent in a most pleasant manner. Mrs. Fisher proved herself a charming hostess and every one present enjoyed the occasion very much.

Olney News.

Leslie Capps and Elbert Dillingham have their trial at Dalton today for breaking in the house of Michael Wilson.

The mormons are holding a meeting here.

Luther Dawson, of Princeton, is visiting here.

J. R. Calvert is on the sick list.

J. W. Mercer is up and at his post of business.

That Democratic platform is a crackerjack.

Miss Ida Capps is very low with consumption.

Farmers are busy burning and sowing tobacco beds.

The words, "unterrified Democrat" do sound tolerably large.

W. H. Howton was in Madisonville one day this week.

ONE OF THE BOYS.

Mr. Jackson, of Hanson, is now at work in W. O. Toy's barber shop. He expects to move his family to Earlington soon.

Mrs. Nick Long and Mrs. M. C. Long, of Madisonville, visited here Wednesday.

Elder C. H. Ford, of Nebo, has been called by the Christian Church and has filled his first appointment on his new work.

Hog cholera is reported raging on a number of farms in Daviess county and farmers are very much alarmed.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES.

Former Earlington Boy Writes Interesting Letter to a Friend.

News of Hopkins County Boys on the Island of Luzon.

Our friend, W. A. Toombs, has received quite an interesting letter from Henry G. Jones, now a 1st sergeant in our army in the Philippines, and he has permitted the following extract, giving matter of interest to some of our readers, to be published:

CALOCAN, P. I., Dec. 3, 1899.

DEAR FRIEND TOOMBS:—Well again I am a nephew of our good Uncle Sam and again sick of the bargain, although being treated well enough. I long to get where God made the people and the place. I don't think he had a thing to do with this country. I left San Francisco Oct. 5th and after a sail of seven days reached where I think the Garden of Eden must have been—Honolulu; and stayed there four days and got a chance to see the surrounding country. To say the least it is the prettiest place I ever saw. We then left for an ocean trip of about twenty-six days to Manila, and of all the tiresome things on earth a trip across the Pacific on a government transport is the worst. We were seven companies and a detachment of the 11th Cavalry on the City of Para. Arriving at Manila in due time we were immediately ordered to the firing line, marching about ten miles and carrying our blanket rolls and 200 rounds of ammunition. After being cooped up on the transport so long the march went pretty hard with some of us but I managed to hold my own. For the first ten days we were quartered in tents along trenches where they were expecting an outbreak, but the insurgents have only showed themselves once, except scouting parties seen by our outpost every night. Everything is quiet and it is the inactivity that is growing weary-some. I long to get a shot at one of the rascals.

During the rainy season it rains every hour. When not the rainy season it rains every other hour. So you can see we are in mud nearly all the time. But for the past few days the weather has been fine. My own career since I have been in the 29th has been one line of promotions and it is with pardonable pride that I speak of it. I am now 1st sergeant of my company and have passed an examination for commission. I have only seen two Hopkins county boys yet. Did not see Capt. Burchfield, of the 31st regiment, but have seen Orlean Pritchett and a man named Veazey who lives near Nebo or Johnson's Island. Orlean is looking well indeed and was out to see me yesterday. He thinks that Ott Lunsford is on the Island somewhere.

Our regiment is booked to stay in the service until June 30, 1901 and if I am alive at that time I shall drop to old Kentucky for a while. But I am going to save every cent I make in order to make my future home in Honolulu. It is certainly "God's country."

Capt. Jas. R. Rash of Co. A is in good health and sends regards to all. Give my love to all my friends.

Yours respectfully,

HENRY G. JONES.

Notice.

I have gone out of the stove and tin-ware business, but am still prepared to do all kinds of tin work and stove repairing on short notice.

I am also agent for the Hopkinsville Steam Laundry and would be glad to get your laundry every Monday. Thanking you for past favors, I am,

Yours very truly

J. W. TWYMAN.

Cheap Clothing.

Pawn-brokers and fire damaged clothing for sale: Heavy All-wool Vests, 50c. to \$1; All-wool Pants, \$1 to \$2.50; All-wool Sack or Frock Coat, \$1.50 to \$3; All-wool Overcoats, \$2 to \$5. Place of business in old drug store, Young's shoe shop.

YOUNG & COUGHLER.

Thos. M. Barker, of Hopkinsville, has been appointed lieutenant colonel on the staff of Major Gen. Poyntz commander of the Kentucky division for the national reunion, United Confederate Veterans at Louisville May 30 to June 3.